



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held September 14, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“State Assemblymembers Fran Pavley and Christine Kehoe have introduced a legislative proposal requiring cell phone retailers, by July 1, 2006, to take back used cell phones at no cost to the consumer. The proposal, Assembly Bill 2901, would dramatically increase the opportunities for consumers to recycle their used cell phones and ensure a reduction of cell phone disposal at local landfills. The State Legislature has recently passed Assembly Bill 2901 and the Bill is on the Governor’s desk for signature.

“The County, in partnership with the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, currently implements the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Management Program. The Program provides a free and convenient means for residents to manage their household hazardous waste (e.g., paint oil, household cleaning products) and electronic waste (e.g., cell phones, televisions, computers) by conducting weekly collection events throughout the County. Moreover, the County and the City of Los Angeles, through a cooperative effort, have made five City permanent household hazardous waste/electronic waste collection centers available for use by all residents free of charge. While the Program has provided a convenient option for residents to manage these wastes, the Program’s funding is limited and has become increasingly inadequate to meet the needs of residents as more waste is generated. Thus, it is imperative that manufacturers and retailers do their fair share to reduce this burden on local governments.

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“If Assembly Bill 2901 becomes law, it would help alleviate this increased burden on local governments to manage this category of waste while at the same time promote practical measures that extend producer responsibility, improve the infrastructure for collection, reuse and recycling of cell phones, and stimulate the markets for remanufactured products and recycled materials.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of AB 2901 (Pavley and Kehoe), legislation which would require cell phone retailers to take back used cell phones at no cost to the consumer by July 1, 2006, thereby increasing the opportunities for consumers to recycle their used cell phones; and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to send correspondence to Governor Schwarzenegger expressing the Board's support of AB 2901 and urging him to sign the Bill into law.

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Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor  
County Counsel

Letters sent to:

Assemblymember Fran Pavley  
Assemblymember Christine Kehoe